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APPROVAL OF UNDP ASSISTANCE TO A PROJECT OF
UGANDA

IPF:(1987-91) $61 774 000

(UGA/87/008) - Assistance to Economic Planning (Supplementary Assistance)

Date of approval by the AC:[1/]	6 March 1991
Expected duration:	Four years
Proposed executing agency:	World Bank
Government implementing agency:	Ministry of Planning and Economic Development (MPED)
Proposed UNDP contribution:	$ 863 000 Source of funds: IPF
Previous UNDP budget:	$3 225 900
Total UNDP budget:	$4 088 900

Project background

The Economic Planning and Aid Co-ordination Project is now in its final year. As noted by the evaluation mission which was carried out in August 1990, the project has made substantive progress in the achievement of most of its objectives, particularly in helping the Ministry of Planning and Economic Development (MPED), successfully introduce policy changes conducive to the revitalisation of the Ugandan economy, thus creating a favorable environment for further economic development. The above-mentioned project has been effective in reaching its macroeconomic objectives, helping MPED to move to modern analytical approaches and to strengthen its ability to reform policies that had proven to be obstacles to stabilization and development. The evaluation also noted the many synergistic effects created by the project in increasing local capacity, ranged from production of a comprehensive compendium of the common cadre of local economists and statisticians to setting in motion the Masters of Arts program in Economics at Makerere University (which is now supported through another Government-executed project). Not only can project achievements be demonstrated qualitatively, but they can be spelled out in quantitative terms as well -- over 50 local economists have successfully been provided overseas training and remain in the Ministry, at least 20 in-country seminars and workshops have been held, and well over several hundred reports and working papers have been produced.

However, the evaluation mission also noted that some work remains to be completed in several areas and should be undertaken during this year to ensure successful completion of the project along the lines developed in the original project document and taking into consideration the ongoing policy reform and capacity building programmes to which the project contributes. UNDP supplementary assistance has been requested based on the

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recommendation of the Evaluation Mission carried out in August 1990 and on the consensus reached at the tripartite review held on 17, October 1990. Because of the emphasis that the Government, under its current Economic Recovery Programme has placed on policy reform and national capacity building, it has become necessary for the project to expand some of its activities beyond those foreseen when the project was originally formulated in 1987-88. The additional resources are therefore requested to finance the essential inputs to reinforce these on-going capacity building initiatives in the field of economic policy reform, until the end of 1991.

Description of project

The immediate objectives of the project are to: (a) provide the trained economist staff of the Ministry after the end of 1991; and (b) establish and reinforce capacity building programmes in the fields of economic policy reform/management aid coordination and regional (district) planning.

Inputs

UNDP will provide extension of the subcontract arrangement including the development adviser (six man-months); the macroeconomic adviser (nine man-months); an economic planning adviser (10 man-months); an macroeconomist (10 man-months); other short-term consultancies (12 man-months); three UNVs (27 man-months); national experts (six man-months); three fellowships and in-service training for the Manpower Planning Department and Sectoral Planning Groups in line ministries; expendable and non-expendable equipment; and miscellaneous costs.

Financial data

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Personnel	261 800
Subcontract	451 700
Training	81 400
Equipment	43 000
Miscellaneous	25 000
Total	863 000

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